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WORLD MOHAIR SITUATION

Although the production of mohair in 1926 in the Union of South Africa and Turkey is estimated to be only 3 per cent greater than that of 1925, stocks of foreign mohair in the United States on December 31, 1926, showed a large increase over the same date last year, according to the Foreign Service, United States Department of Agriculture. This situation is partly due to decreased consumption in the United Kingdom and an active demand in this country for mohair to be used in automobile cloth and in furniture upholstering. In 1926 the consumption of mohair in these industries in the United States is estimated to be one-third larger than 1925. Notwithstanding this marked increase in consumption, stocks of foreign mohair in bonded warehouses have greatly increased. Total imports for the year have amounted to nearly 11,000,000 pounds. The stocks in bonded customs warehouses at the beginning of the year 1926 amounted to about 3,400,000 pounds and on November 30, the last date for which we have figures, to 9,900,000 pounds. Stocks in dealers' hands are also believed to be heavier than usual at this time in the season. There is no evidence, on the other hand, of increased stocks in foreign countries.

The shipping of large quantities of foreign mohair to Boston in 1926 seems to have been due principally to reduced foreign demand. The United Kingdom, the greatest foreign consumer, in the past year has imported only about 11 million pounds of which 4 1/2 million were re-exported, whereas in the period 1921-25 she imported on the average 16 million, and before the war, averaged 30 million pounds. The decline in takings seems to be due largely to the loss of continental markets for mohair yarns and other manufactured products and to the use of artificial silk and other cheaper substitutes which have been found suitable for present day requirements in the production of certain textiles such as linings for which mohair was formerly largely used. Efforts are now being made in Bradford to develop in the British automobile industry an outlet for the product of Bradford spindles and looms capable of undertaking the upholstery type of manufacture, states the 1926 Trade Review of the Yorkshire Observer. Mohair fabrics of the type required for cars have been produced as examples of what the Bradford trade is capable of supplying to the automobile industry and it is strongly felt that the future of the mohair industry in England depends in no small degree upon linking it up with the expanding automobile trade. It is possible that with the recovery of economic conditions in the United Kingdom and in Germany there may be some increase in the demand for foreign mohair which will relieve the American market somewhat from the products of South Africa and Turkey.

Unofficial estimates of production in Turkey and the Union of South Africa, the largest producing countries other than the United States, place the 1926 clip at 20,000,000 pounds, compared with 19,400,000 in 1925 or an increase of 3 per cent. The production in the United States has been increasing rapidly in recent years and appears to be not far below the average post-war domestic requirements. The estimated production in the United States increased from a prewar average of about 4 million pounds to about 7 million in 1921 and has continued increasing up to the present time. That production is approaching the domestic requirements of recent years is indicated by the fact that for the period 1923-25 only 2,900,000 pounds were imported for consumption which also indicates that the total consumption of the United States for this period was probably between 12 and 13 million pounds. So long as our production continues to be no greater than our domestic requirements our producers will be in an advantageous position with reference to foreign producers. The price of domestic mohair in Boston now is nearly double the price of foreign mohair in bond.

Other countries producing angora goat's hair to any extent are China, Australia and a few other countries for which production statistics are not available. Average exports from China for the years 1921-25 were 3,276,000 pounds, compared with 1,769,000 pounds the average for 1909-13. Stocks in Turkey at the beginning of 1927 are estimated at 3,600,000 pounds, according to a report in the January issue of the Journal of the British Chamber of Commerce of Turkey and the Balkan States, published in the Wool Record and Textile World for January 13, 1927. This is a decrease of 18 per cent compared with the 4,400,000 pounds estimated to be on hand at the beginning of 1926. Stocks of mohair at Port Elizabeth on June 30, 1926, amounted to 1,090,000 pounds compared with 1,550,000 pounds at the corresponding date last year.

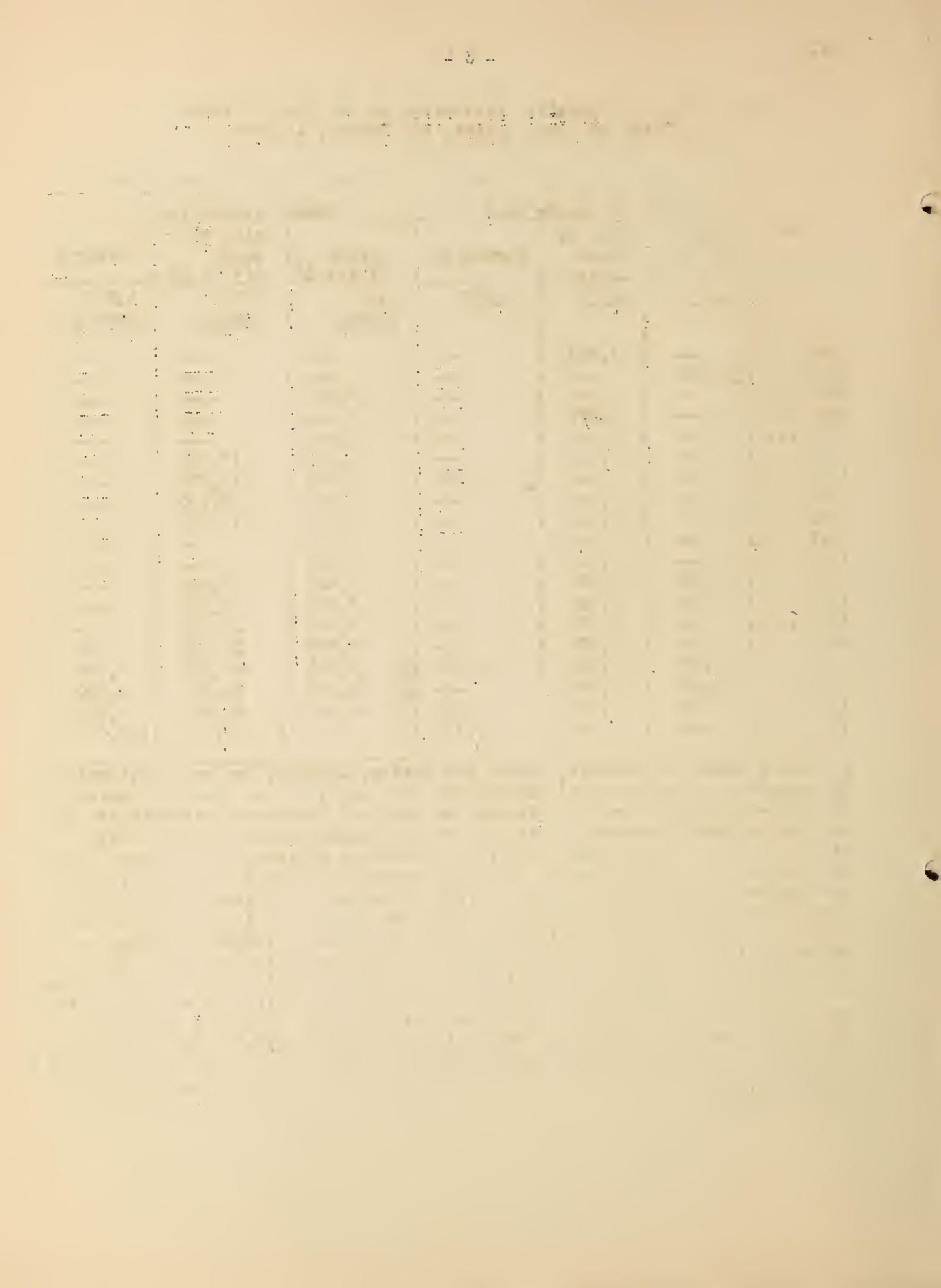
No estimates of the 1927 clips in these principal producing countries are as yet available. The clip of the Union of South Africa is due on the market in April or May and the Turkish clip about June. The number of angora goats shorn in the United States in 1925 is estimated to be 2,265,000 or about 17 per cent greater than the census of the number shorn in 1919. In the Union of South Africa the number of angora goats has declined to 2,137,000 in 1925, compared with an average of over 4,000,000 in prewar times and has probably been further reduced by the drought of 1926. Angora goats in Turkey numbered 2,761,000 in 1926 which shows an increase over numbers in recent years.

ANGORA GOATS AND MOHAIR: Production in the United States,
the Union of South Africa, and Turkey, 1904-26.

Year	Number of Angora Goats			Mohair production		
	United States <u>a/</u>	Union of South Africa	Turkey <u>b/</u>	United States <u>c/</u>	Union of South Africa <u>d/</u>	Turkey <u>e/</u>
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u> <u>pounds</u>	<u>1,000</u> <u>pounds</u>	<u>1,000</u> <u>pounds</u>
1904	---	3,393	---	---	---	---
1905	f/1,683	---	---	---	---	---
1910	---	---	---	3,779	---	---
1911	---	4,275	---	---	---	---
1912	---	4,395	---	4,000	---	---
1913	---	4,194	---	4,500	17,970	---
1914	---	---	g/ 2,086	4,500	16,573	---
1915	---	2,885	---	6,000	17,190	---
1916	---	2,564	---	6,000	13,352	---
1917	---	---	---	6,000	---	---
1918	---	2,731	---	6,000	---	---
1919	1,933	2,874	---	6,532	15,600	---
1920	---	2,240	---	7,000	9,900	---
1921	---	2,285	---	7,000	16,212	---
1922	---	2,272	---	7,750	19,560	---
1923	2,040	2,285	1,610 h/	8,651	15,630	5,935
1924	2,272	2,127	---	h/ 10,183	14,343	5,300
1925	2,265	2,137	2,560 h/	10,661	13,038	6,360
1926	---	---	2,761 i/	---	12,000 i/	8,000

a/ Number shorn in Missouri, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Oregon, California.

b/ European and Asiatic. c/ Figures for 1900 and 1912 are Census figures and for 1923-25 estimates of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates for the six states which produced 36 per cent of the mohair produced in the United States in 1910. Other years commercial estimates published by National Association of Wool Manufacturers. d/ Clips actually received at Port Elizabeth as compiled by Hannam and Co Ltd. of Port Elizabeth. Published in the Wool Record and Textile World, April 23, 1925, and August 26, 1926, p. 549. The official estimates of production as returned by the Agricultural Census and published in the Yearbook for 1910-22, page 506 are as follows: 1917-18, 10,385,100; 1918-19, 8,099,160; 1920-21, 8,448,550; 1921-22, 8,623,094; 1922-23, 8,099,094. e/ Estimates published in the monthly circular of the Imperial Ottoman Bank for July-August, 1924, and estimates for 1923 sent by Acting Commercial Attaché R. O. Hall, Constantinople, Turkey #17-76, dated May 3, 1924, 1926 Wool Record and Textile World, January 3, 1927. f/ Fleeces. g/ Present boundaries. h/ Estimates subject to revision when 1924 census is available. i/ Preliminary.



Mohair (HAIR OR THE ANGORA): United States imports,
1920-1926

Year ending December 31	General imports	Imports for consumption	Remaining in bonded customs warehouses December 31
	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>
1920	: 1/ 4,712,411	: 1/ 4,435,711	: 2,250,118
1921	: 1/ 4,060,819	: 2/ 5,172,269	: 1,152,706
1922	: 3/ 9,593,573	: 3/ 7,146,411	: 4/
1923	: 4,603,526	: 3,888,833	: 4/
1924	: 3,990,089	: 3,160,637	: 3,553,457
1925	: 1,768,353	: 1,783,994	: 3,396,958
		: (Nine months, : Jan.-Sept.)	: (Nov. 30, 1926)
1926	: 10,666,493	: 7,892,413	: 9,916,168

Compiled from Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States and Monthly Summary of Foreign Commerce of the United States, December issues, 1920-1926

1/ Includes "alpaca and other like animals." 2/ Includes "alpaca and other like animals" from January 1 to May 27, and "alpaca" from May 28-December 31.

3/ Includes "alpaca and other like animals" from January 1-September 21.

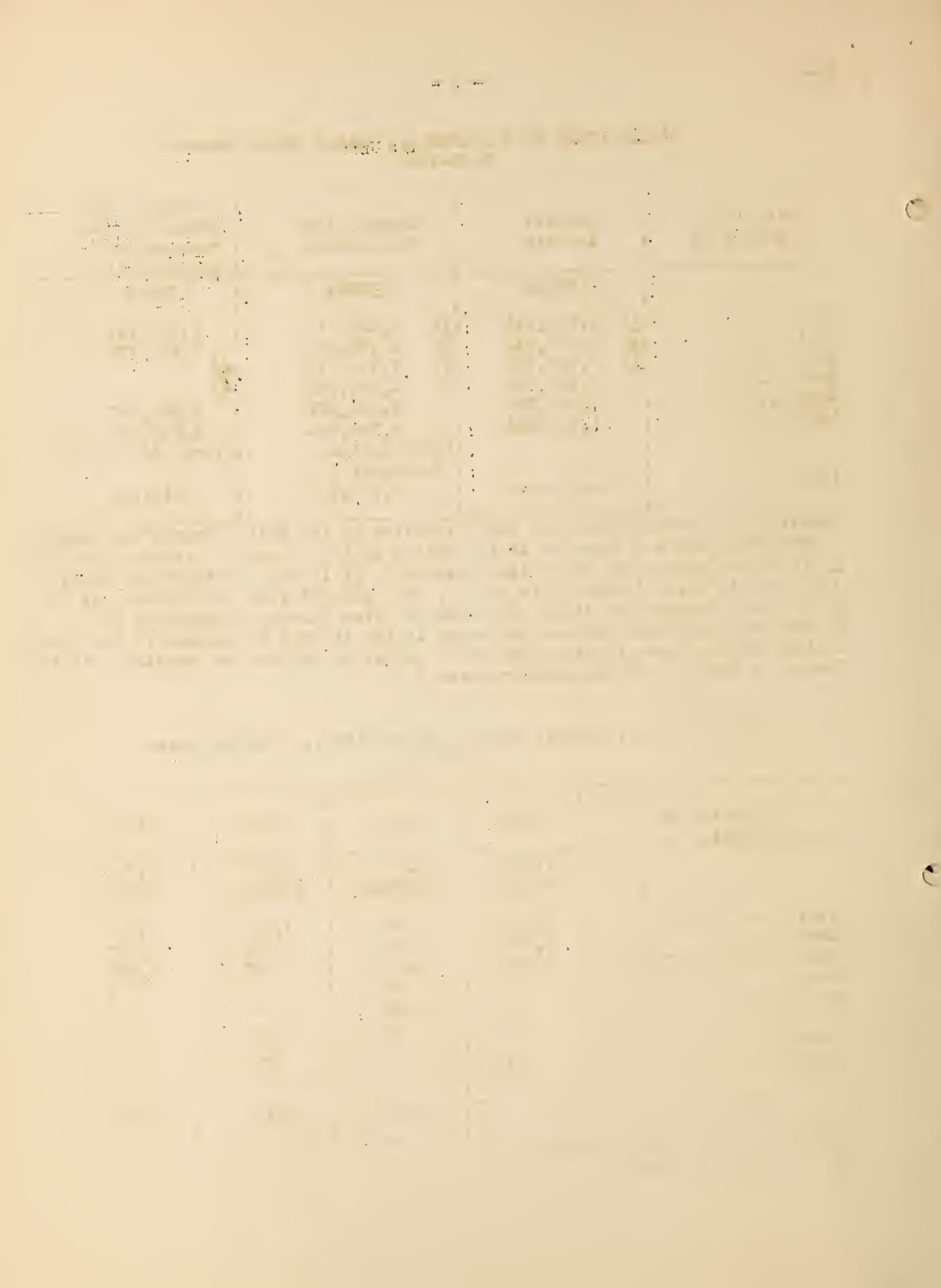
4/ Not available. (Due to much confusion in the figures on account of the change in the tariff, these figures were never published and are not available at the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.)

UNITED STATES: Mohair imports by countries, calendar years
1923-26.

Countries of Origin	1923	1924	1925	1926
	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>
British So. Africa	1,142	803	1,004	3,886
Turkey	1,640	913	268	3,890
England (re-exports).....	1,705	2,045	487	2,874
China	64	47	9	5
Australia	---	148	---	---
Mexico	14	25	---	6
Canada	0	9	a/	2
Others	21	9	---	3
Total	4,604	3,990	1,768	10,666

Compiled from official sources.

a/ Less than 500 pounds.



UNITED KINGDOM: Imports, re-exports and amount retained for consumption of mohair and exports of mohair yarn (including alpaca and cashmere), average 1909-13, 1921-25, calendar years 1914 - 1926

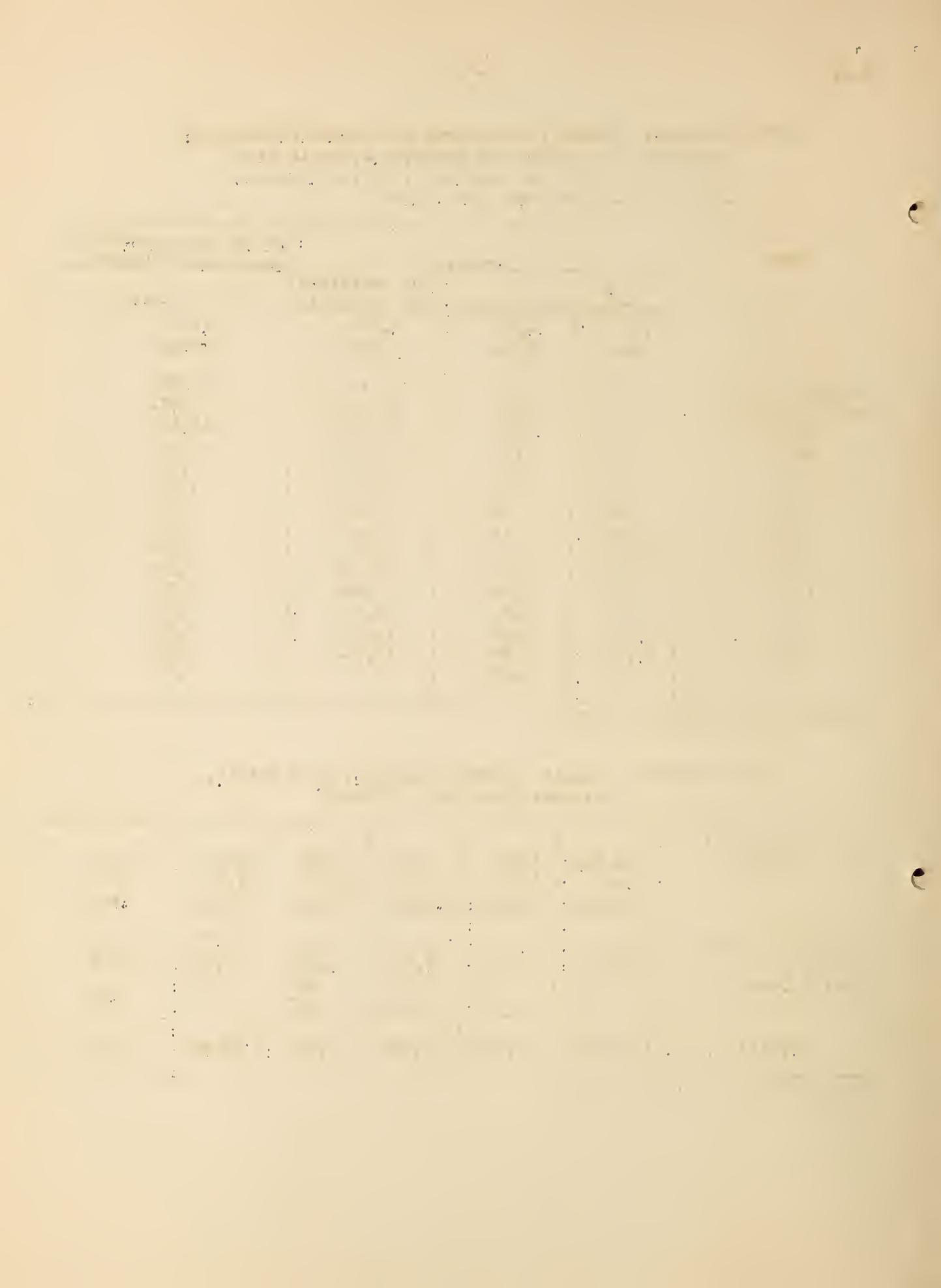
Year	Mohair			Mohair yarn including alpaca and cashmere	
	Total	Re-exports	Amt. retained: for consumpt.	Exports	
	Imports			pounds	pounds
Average 1909-13 ...	30,168	982	29,186		16,378
Average 1921-25 ...	21,383	2,045	19,833		7,371
1914	26,760	1,204	25,556		11,189
1915	14,231	3,528	10,703		3,020
1916	11,274	268	11,006		3,844
1917	3,576	37	3,539		1,909
1918	5,603	15	5,538		755
1919	20,403	112	29,281		1,470
1920	11,471	823	10,648		4,272
1921	10,319	1,339	17,930		4,092
1922	33,250	3,905	20,345		6,788
1923	22,550	1,794	20,756		9,536
1924	20,633	2,539	18,344		3,380
1925	13,413	700	12,713		3,059
1926	11,060	4,543	6,525		6,356
	:	:	:	:	:

Compiled from official sources.

UNITED KINGDOM: Mohair imports by countries of origin, calendar years 1913, 1922-26.

Countries of origin	1913	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
British So. Africa ..	18,523	20,307	13,823	14,044	10,730	5,804
Turkey	10,402	11,479	7,318	5,612	2,119	4,961
United States	---	16	1,104	337	75	---
Others	391	853	215	800	480	304
	:	:	:	:	:	:
Total	29,316	33,250	22,550	20,883	13,413	11,069
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Compiled from official sources.



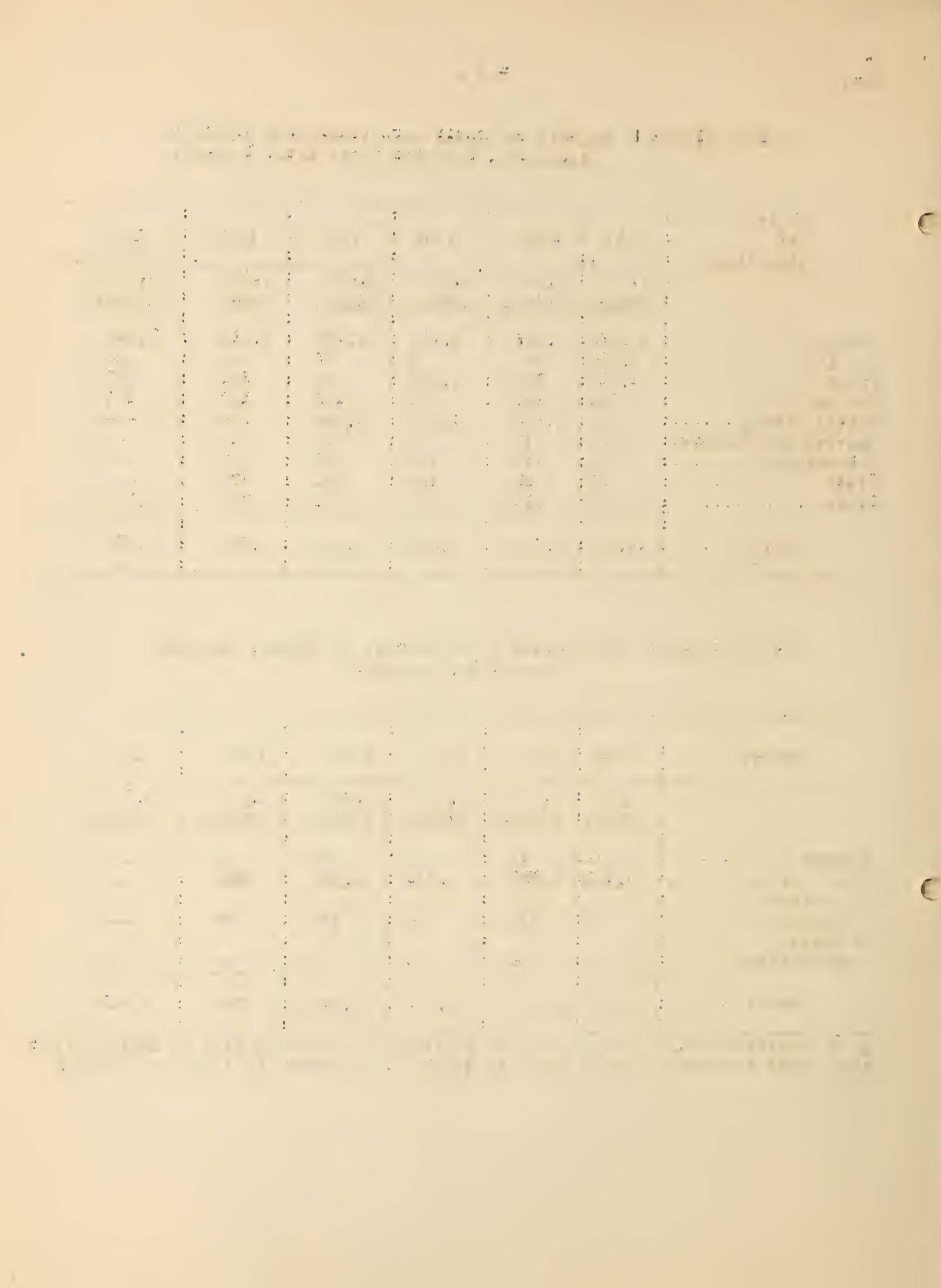
UNITED KINGDOM: Exports of mohair yarn (including alpaca and cashmere), calendar years 1913, 1922-26.

Country of destination	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
	: 1913	: 1922	: 1923	: 1924	: 1925	: 1926	
	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	
	: pounds						
Germany	12,879	2,867	3,103	4,106	4,513	3,242	
Russia	1,254	---	4	77	43	---	
France	1,013	785	1,136	908	764	637	
Belgium	625	192	265	150	140	101	
United States	298	1,730	3,834	1,504	824	---	
Austria and Hungary..	552	15	20	24	19	---	
Netherlands	230	439	396	556	580	---	
Italy	90	87	177	364	476	---	
Other	276	613	653	691	700	2,356	
Total	17,222	6,783	9,588	8,380	8,059	6,336	

UNITED KINGDOM: Destination of re-exports of mohair, calendar years 1913, 1922-26.

Country	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
	: 1913	: 1922	: 1923	: 1924	: 1925	: 1926	
	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	
	: pounds						
Germany	---	16	56	228	94	---	
United States	1,490	3,770	1,651	2,209	529	---	
Other foreign countries	5	119	86	100	77	---	
To British possessions.....	---	---	1	2	---	---	
Total	1,495	a/3,705	1,704	2,539	700	4,543	

a/ In addition 303,000 pounds entered in transit on through bill of lading (other than goods transhipped under bond) in 1922; 98,500 pounds in 1923 and 52,800 in 1924.



UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA: Mohair exports by countries, calendar years, 1913, 1922-25.

Countries of destination	1913	1922	1923	1924	1925 a/
	: 1,000 : pounds				
United Kingdom	17,138	21,634	14,099	12,240	10,937
Germany	140	72	132	.25	59
Belgium.....	77	3	---	---	---
United States	b/	.4,047	727	1,391	535
Japan	---	---	1	---	13
Other	1	37	30	10	16
Total	17,356	25,793	14,988	13,666	11,560

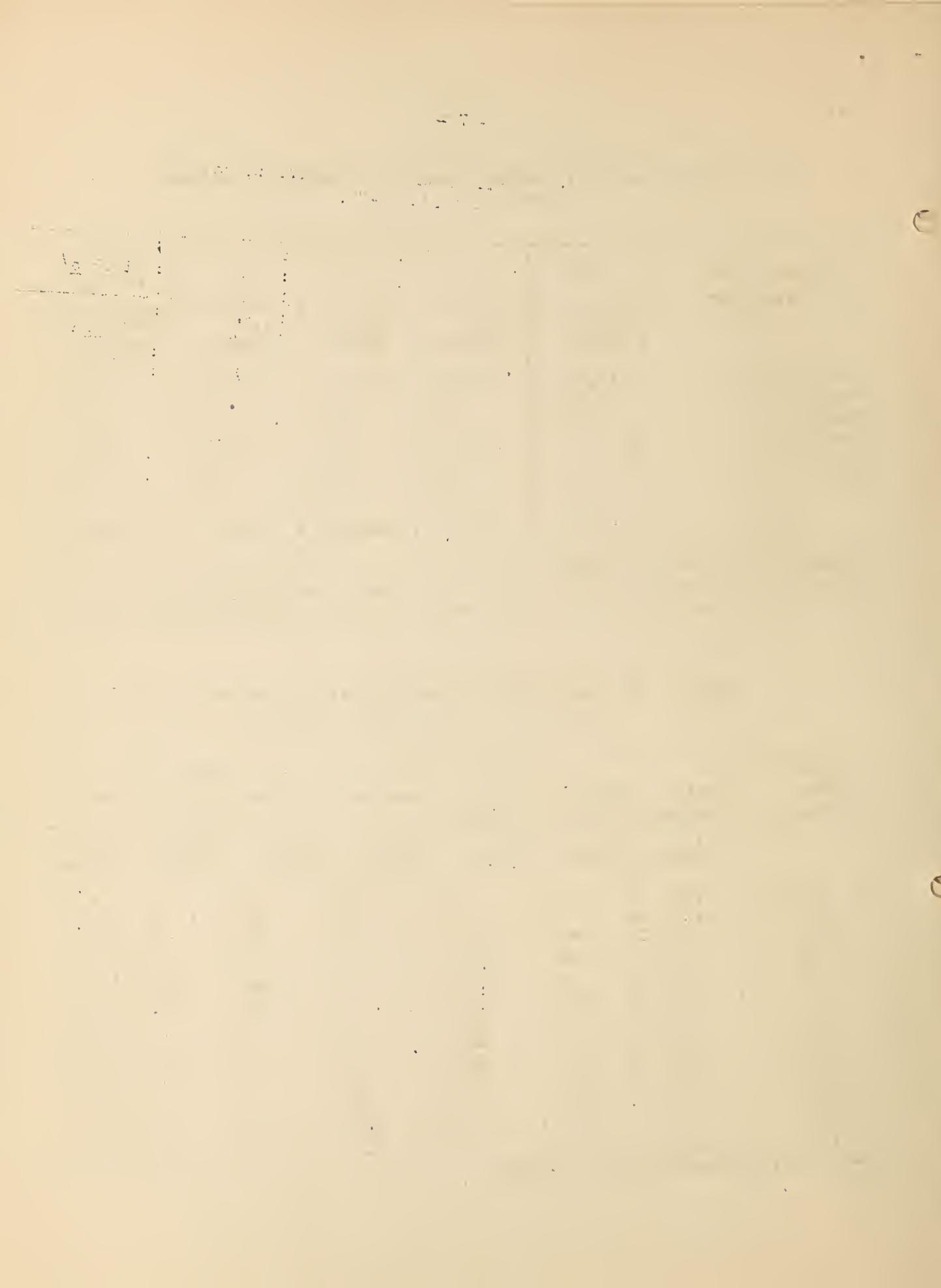
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a/ For the eight months ending August 1926 exports were 6,912,546 pounds compared with 5,774,838 in 1925 for the corresponding period. b/ Less than 500 pounds.

CHINA: Domestic exports of goats' hair, unmanufactured, by countries of Destination, 1909-1925.

Year ending December 31	United Kingdom	United States	Japan incl. Formosa	Germany	France	coun- tries	Total
	: 1,000 : pounds						
Av. 1909-13..	1,739	0	3	18	8	1	1,769
1914	1,200	9	2	0	11	0	1,312
1915	581	474	313	0	0	1	1,369
1916	850	454	424	0	0	0	1,737
1917	1,299	25	255	0	103	137	1,819
1918	433	165	975	0	31	72	1,631
1919	1,706	560	359	0	0	0	2,625
1920	885	91	133	0	0	4	1,113
1921	2,138	325	101	0	0	73	2,637
1922	1,057	794	150	27	5	1	2,034
1923	1,750	307	88	47	1	5	2,198
1924	3,366	821	7	148	93	2	4,437
1925	3,566	451	230	456	147	225	5,075

Compiled from Foreign Trade of China.



MOHAIR: Average price per pound, at Boston, annually
1915-1926 and by months, 1926

Year and month:	Good combing, domestic	Cape, summer firsts	Turkey, fair average
	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>
1915	35	34	36
1916	43	44	-
1917	61	60	-
1918	63	67	-
1919	59	70	-
1920	48	55	55
1921	26	30	32
1922	42	1/34	1/36
1923	72	36	39
1924	74	-	-
1925	75	55	57
1926	69	45	45
1926	:	:	:
Jan	72	55	56
Feb	72	53	52
Mar	70	50	48
Apr	62	42	41
May	6½	42	41
June	68	42	41
July	68	42	41
Aug	68	42	41
Sept	68	42	41
Oct	72	44	46
Nov	71	44	46
Dec	71	44	46
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Division of Statistical and Historical Research.
Compiled from the Boston Commercial Bulletin, weekly.
1/ Beginning July, 1922, prices are in bond.

